

NOTIFICATION FORM

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Small Business Regulatory Impact

Title of Regulation: Certification and Licensing of Pesticide Applicators

Statutory Authority: Sections 22a-66(c)(5); 22a-66a(g); 22a- 66z; 23-61a(e)

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Regulation is exempt under section 3 of P.A. 87-359: Not Applicable

Expected Impact: Establishment of a class of senior operators would provide more levels of competency to operators, lessen the burden of written instructions to such operators from supervisory applicators and would result in more efficient work for these operators since they would have more independence of decision making than the current operator level. These applicators would in turn be required to demonstrate a higher level of competency through examination, thus preserving environmental protection while streamlining requirements. The aquatic permit extension of timeframe would result in a lessening of expenses and paperwork, since many pesticide application businesses could file permit applications for pond treatment up to every three years instead of every year. The posting sign change may impact those businesses which have invested in a large inventory of signs, but a phase in period to allow use of these signs is anticipated. Fee changes reflect statutory increases. Transfer of the arborist regulation to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection reflects the change in statutory authority enacted in 1998. There are approximately 1100 small pesticide businesses that could be affected by these regulations.

Methods employed to reduce adverse effects, including, but not limited to, those listed in section 1 (b) of P.A. 87-359:

The proposed regulations consolidate and simplify reporting and compliance requirements by reducing the frequency of aquatic permit applications and reducing the complexity of written instructions to qualified pesticide applicators. A phase in time period for new sign requirements is anticipated.